

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Reader warns of dangers of drilling

Dear Editor:

The more I learn about the process of and possible dangers of drilling for gas in our state, the more concerned I am for the common good.

I am wondering if perhaps those who have already signed on would be willing and able to withdraw their agreement or at least put a halt to the process until the proper regulations are in place.

Water is life and we must protect it. Currently, there are nei-

ther sufficient regulations in place to protect it nor sufficient numbers of persons available with the know-how to inspect, enforce and respond to possible problems.

I call upon those who have signed on or who are considering signing on to rethink their decision and to consider the common good which includes everyone. You will be glad you did.

Sr. Constance Kozel, RSM
Dallas, PA



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Grossman has been a resident of the Back Mountain since the early 1970's. Her three daughters were educated in the Dallas schools and she attended Misericordia University while raising her family, graduating from the university after completing a Bachelors of Art Degree.

Upon graduation, Grossman was hired as the director of the Art Gallery at Misericordia where she developed exhibitions and programs in the arts for adults and children.

She is a landscape artist whose passion for nature is as natural as breathing. Currently, she is part of the organization, "Arts Universe" in Wilkes-Barre, where she rents studio space.

An experienced teacher who has exhibited both regionally and nationally, Grossman paints

landscapes and florals, using pastels, acrylics and, most recently, mixed media. She has traveled extensively to pursue painting landscapes both pleine aire and in her studio.

Several summers ago, Grossman was accepted, along with four other artists, at a residency located at "Soaring Gardens," a retreat center in the Endless Mountains of Pennsylvania. At her two-week residency, she had daily access to the beauty of the surrounding countryside. This experience has had a remarkable imprint on the artist as she has completed a body of work, expressing her impressions in acrylics, pastels and mixed media.

Grossman has been included in many prestigious national juried shows and has received many awards.

She recently participated in a group show at the Broome Street Gallery in New York, N.Y.

She currently resides in Dallas with her husband, Howard.

MOMENTS IN TIME

The History Channel

• On July 9, 1777, New York elects Brigadier Gen. George Clinton as the first governor of the independent state of New York. Clinton would go on to become New York's longest-serving governor, as well as the longest-serving governor in the United States, holding the post until 1795.

• On July 8, 1853, Commodore Matthew Perry, representing the U.S. government, sails into Tokyo Bay, Japan. The Japanese accepted letters from President Millard Fillmore, making the United States the first Western nation in two centuries to establish relations with Japan.



YOUR SPACE

CHARLOTTE BARTIZEK FILE PHOTO/ FOR THE DALLAS POST

Times Leader Editor & Publisher Richard Connor was joined on the auction block by his daughter, Meredith, during the 2009 Back Mountain Memorial Library Auction. This year's auction, the 64th of its kind, begins Thursday and continues through Sunday on the library grounds on Huntsville Road in Dallas.

"YOUR SPACE" is reserved specifically for Dallas Post readers who have something they'd like to share with fellow readers.

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to 675-3650 or by mail to The Dallas Post, 15 N. Main St., Wilkes-Barre, PA 18711.

Information must include the submitting person's name, address and a telephone number in the event we have questions.

Readers wishing to have their photos

returned should include a self-addressed/stamped envelope. Items will be published in the order in which they are received.

The editor of The Dallas Post reserves the right to reject any items submitted for publication.

20 YEARS AGO

III Guys Pizza was celebrating its Grand Opening of its Back Mountain restaurant, located on Dallas Highway, across from Daring's Market.

Most people who use four-wheeled all terrain vehicles enjoy them as recreational vehicles. But for Rodney Major of Sweet Valley, the ATV is a more serious vehicle.

Major is currently in the middle of his second year of racing ATV's professionally as part of the American Motorcycle Association's



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Grand National Circuit. So far this year, things have gone well for Major and he has found himself in second place in the standings with only a few races left on the circuit. If Major can find a way to win the overall title, a door to other areas may be opened.

More than 100 children participated in recent fundraising for Back Mountain Baseball, and more than 100 prizes were awarded. Top prize was a new bike, which was won by Dan Bantell. Money from the fundraiser is used to help pay for uniforms and supplies, and has helped to build a new concession stand, and to install lights and new bleachers. \$11,000 was raised this year.

30 YEARS AGO

1980 Citizens of the Year were honored at a diner at Irem Temple Country Club last Thursday, hosted by Dallas Rotary Club. Marsha Landis and the late Whitey Porasky were named "Ci-

tizens of the Year" by the committee made of representatives of Back Mountain Service Clubs. Mrs. Sandra Porasky accepted the award on behalf of her late husband.

Members of the champion Pirates, winners of the Harvey's Lake Little League major division are gearing up to enter intraleague playoff games. Team members are: J.R. Smith, D. Doerfler, Kevin Carey, George Hogan, Mark Shonis, T.J. Zearfoss, Bobbie Gray, Greg Javer, Eddie Dubil, Dennis Hogan, Eric Steadley and Robbie Kuschke.

40 YEARS AGO

Acme Markets, Inc. was granted a right of way agreement by Dallas Borough Council last week to grade and pave the surface of Foster Street adjacent to the Church Street site where they are building a new supermarket. A formal agreement is being prepared by Borough Solicitor Charles Lemmond and council authorized President Edwin Delaney to sign the agreement.

Cub Pack 162 of Carverton held their annual Pinewood Derby recently at the Carverton United Methodist Church. The pack meeting opened with a flag ceremony conducted by David Werts, Eugene Meeker, James Emil and Kevin Searfoss.

Winners of the pack's Pinewood Derby include Bruce Kunkle, first, and Joseph Perry, second in Den 1. In Den 2, Edison Lanyon was first, with Randy Perry, second, and Steven Kirchner, third. There was a close competition in Den 3 between two brothers with David Bankes coming in first and Todd Bankes second.

The Back Mountain has long boasted about its superb cooks and if the proof of the pudding is in the eating, the proof is now in.

Three of six prizes in the June Dairy Month Recipe Contest were awarded to Back Mountain women.

"Chicken Supreme" won first place in the main dish category for Mrs. William Rehring, Dallas. Mrs. Rehring was doubly pleased to learn that her "Blueberry Torte" took first place in the dessert category.

A salad that can double as a dessert was the prize-winning recipe offered by Mrs. Stephen Johnson, Shavertown. Mrs. Johnson chose the "Frozen Fruit Salad" to submit she said, "because it's very easy to make, in addition to being very attractive."

50 YEARS AGO

A freak accident on Davenport Street, Thursday evening, hurled a bolt through a ripple-glass window, along a hallway, through a living room and into a first floor bedroom of a home across the street, leaving a wake of splintered glass and with a sound like a bomb going off.

Mrs. John Bernick was mowing with a rotary lawn mower when it hit a connection for a water main, shearing off a bolt.

Mrs. Joseph Schneider was in the kitchen, answering the telephone when she heard the racket and the impact.

Robert H. Voelker, mainstay of Shavertown Fire Company, Shavertown PTA Shavertown's St. Paul's Lutheran Church, will be installed as Postmaster of Shavertown sometime within the next two weeks, succeeding acting Postmaster Mrs. Fred Anderson.

60 YEARS AGO

Five Boy Scouts from Trucksville Troop 155 have been attending the country-wide Boy Scout Jamboree at Valley Forge this

week. Attending are: Chuck Perkins, Bob Davis, Bob Johnson, Art Robbins and John Cashmark.

Playground equipment valued at \$650 will be installed on Dallas Borough School grounds some time in August, according to Charles James. The merry-go-round, slides, basket-ball backboards, jungle gym and see-saws financed by the P.T.A. are the result of two years of activity on the part of the organization.

At local Acme Supermarkets, jumbo cantaloupes sold for 23 cents; watermelons were 99 cents; a 12 ounce jar of peanut butter was 33 cents; and chicken breasts were 75 cents a pound.

70 YEARS AGO

From his home in Santa Monica, Cal., Lee Tracy, stage, screen and radio star and son of Mrs. W.L. Tracy of Mt. Greenwood, Shavertown, this week wired his thanks to The Post for its story two weeks ago claiming him as a "home town boy" and reviewing his career.

His message follows: "I read Postscripts in your issue of June 21 and was greatly affected and flattered by same especially third paragraph from last. Thanks and best regards."

The paragraph to which Tracy refers told of his father's encouragement when Lee was a struggling young actor and of Lee's remark once that he wished he could name his yacht "The Lehigh Valley" because his father, a superintendent for the Lehigh Valley Railroad, had made Tracy's dreams come true.

Information for "Only Yesterday" is taken from past issues of The Dallas Post which is 121 years old. The information is printed here exactly as it appeared in the newspaper years ago.

"WILL YOU GO ANYWHERE TODAY TO WATCH FIREWORKS?"



"Might visit with the family. It's something every year but we always manage to see fireworks."

Tim Lydon
Shavertown



"We'll be in Allentown for a softball tournament. There will be some there."

John Perez
Dallas



"I'm going to Tunkhannock High School. We've gone there the last couple of years."

Kylie Rosengrant
Tunkhannock



"We have seen them around Sylvan Lake from private parties."

Dave McKenna
Sweet Valley



"We watch them from a field at Shickshinny Lake; they shoot them off from the boats on the lake."

Natalee Barker
Hunlock Creek



"I go to my sister's on Harris Hill Road in Shavertown and we see fireworks from her house."

Amy Denmon
Sweet Valley